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NAACP recalls workers, seeks church help

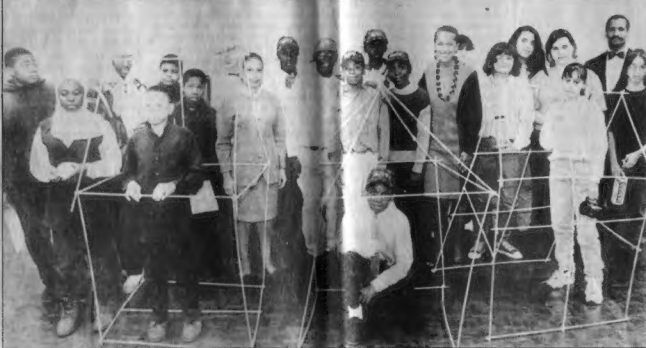
The NAACP last week recalled 26 of the 88 workers it lured six weeks ago as the battle continues to keep the financially troubled civil rights organization afloat. In a statement chairman William Gibson and interim head Earl Shinnick said the recalled employees would work to increase fund raising efforts. The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is suffering under a \$3.8 million debt which threatens to force the 85-year-old group out of business. But it received support last week as a result of a flood of emergency contributions and a decision by the Ford Foundation to release a \$500,000 grant. In addition, several religious groups, including all the major black denominations, have pledged to raise \$5 million for the organization. Church leaders plan to hold a national day of support for the NAACP on January 1.—BALTIMORE, MD.

Republicans would force millions off welfare

Advocates for the poor say that the Republican Party would force millions of poor people into crime and break up families, but the party is pushing a welfare reform proposal which would throw millions of people off the nation's welfare rolls. The provisions, if implemented, would fall especially hard on inner city blacks and the elderly—known as the Personal Responsibility Act—would deny aid to an estimated 2.5 million families and five million children. Republican E. Clay Shaw, Jr. of Florida denied charges that Republicans were trying to punish the poor. He said, "For those who want to improve themselves... they will see this as an opportunity." Critics charge that without adequate skills to compete in today's market place, the legislation would have the effect of increasing homelessness, destroying families and forcing people into crime.—WASHINGTON, DC.

Black inmate accused of murdering serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer

Mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer was beaten to death last week while on a work detail in a Wisconsin prison. Dahmer gained international infamy several years ago when it was discovered that he had sexually assaulted, killed, and in several cases eaten portions of the bodies of at least 17 young men and boys. Dahmer was white, but most of his victims were either black or members of (Continued on page 3)



More than 50 middle school and junior high students from the Newark area recently attended a special career awareness program at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to learn more about the field of engineering. The program, sponsored by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) and Anheuser-Busch Companies, is designed to interest local students in mathematics and science as possible career options. Experts from engineering-related disciplines discussed career preparation and worked with the students on various projects, such as the one pictured, which enabled the youngsters to build geometric structures from dowel rods and elastic bands. Coordinators congratulating the students on their successful projects are: (4th from left, back row) Dr. Howard Kimmel, assistant vice president-academic relations, NJIT; (3rd from left, front row) Dr. Lee E. Williams executive vice president, NACME; (4th from right, front row) Cynthia Moore, corporate affairs northeast region manager, Anheuser-Busch Companies; and (far right, back row) Frank Wells, director university programs, NACME.

The Bell Curve rings in era of Dr. Strangelove

by James Clingman

Talk about timing. Charles Murray, co-author of *The Bell Curve*, could have planned a better release date for his race-baiting book. That overwhelming election, which swept more Limbaugh/Liddy-ties and placed new power in the hands of those already in office, should give Murray hope. Now he and those who think as he does, have a good chance of the government following through on his recommendation of abolishing Head Start and other programs. They have an ally in charge now.

Newt Gingrich, "the bomb thrower," as he is so affectionately called, has come out swinging. He did more trash talking during the week following the election than he did in all of his years in congress. He is the chosen one. He is the new champion of the right. Yes, Newt, will exercise the demons from the White House and make everything all right in these United States. After all, the "American people" have spoken. They want Newt to drop one of his bombs on the poor, African Americans and one on

Hispanics, too.

The cryptic terms abed in Newt's army. You know, "welfare queen," "Willie Horton" "crack cocaine," "illegal aliens," "socialists," all of whom one word is implied, "Them!" The Newt's lieutenants, Jesse Helms (who has already begun his threats), Strom Thurmond, Orrin Hatch, and Phil Gramm, will make certain the marching orders are clear to the rest of the troops. The active reservists, Rush Limbaugh, Linda Chavez, and G. Gordon Liddy, via their daily banter, will continue to keep the civilians off balance and divided. (It's a good thing Ollie North didn't pass his exitment examination at the Virginia draft board. He'd be a five-star general in Newt's army, in charge of covert operations and "raising funds.")

Bill Bennett and Pat Robertson will be in

charge of "virtues," and Dan Quayle will be assigned to monitor families and their values. Remember the Rat Patrol? This trio will be known as the "Morality Patrol."

The "brothas" Williams, Armstrong and Walter, along with Thomas Sowell, and the newest, shiftest black overseer, J.C. Watts, from Oklahoma, will serve their masters well. They will be in charge of propaganda in the black community, similar to the Jim Jones solution. Hey brot, v. hey sister, come to join us for a cool drink of punch! And, of course, when anyone disobeys orders, Newt will have Clarence "It's okay to beat-up prisoners" Thomas presiding over all court materials.

Before we realize what hit us, just like Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a "Newtclear" bomb will vaporize those of us not al (Continued on page 3)

'Many Faces — One Family' promotes diversity

NEW JERSEY
Many Faces. One Family

TRENTON—Governor Christine Todd Whitman announced New Jersey's "Many Faces—One Family" initiative at a press conference held Monday, December 5 in the Governor's outer office at the State House. The initiative will be supported by a blue ribbon committee to be established of state and community leaders who will provide ongoing guidance to the Governor and help establish the program throughout New Jersey.

Designed to recognize and promote New Jersey's diversity as one of its greatest strengths, the "Many Faces—One Family" initiative will serve as the "umbrella" for programs and projects developed not only by the state but also by other organizations that would like to participate in the effort.

"New Jersey's diversity is one of our state's treasures," said Governor Whitman. "It is the strength of individuals of all ages, ethnic and geographic backgrounds, sexual orientation and job status that make New Jersey so special."

According to Governor Whitman, the "Many Faces—One Family" initiative, under the guidance of Secretary of State Louis R. G. Hoes, will reach out to individuals and their communities through conferences, grassroots programs and activities, and print and broadcast public service announcements.

The initiative will be broad-based, working closely with business, government, religious, education, arts and humani-

ties, and non-profit communities to deliver its messages.

"The recent success of the 'Cheer' Conference—a day long event sponsored by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Fairleigh Dickinson University where over 400 college and high school students discussed the issue of diversity—is an example of the willingness of individuals to unite and explore this important issue," said Secretary Hoes. "We will continue to support this type of program and create others like it under the 'Many Faces—One Family' initiative."

According to Secretary Hoes, the initiative plans to create a Diversity Celebration Day to celebrate the diversity of New Jersey. "Our plan is to establish Diversity Celebration Day in connection with the state's annual 'Ethnic Festival' in the fall of 1995," said Hoes.

Seeking broad involvement of New Jersey business, government, religious education, arts and humanities, and non profit communities, the initiative will also host a Diversity Summit in the spring of 1995.

"We are not interested in just talking about the issues but in really making a difference through proactive programs that reach out to as many people as possible to help them truly appreciate the benefits of diversity," said Secretary Hoes. "We have planned the Diversity Summit with those (Continued on page 3)

Legislature not interested in urban students

by Paul Joseph

Marilyn Morheuser, executive director of the New Jersey Education Law Center in Newark, who spearheaded the fight for fair and adequate funding for New Jersey's poor urban districts recently told a group of parents, students, education and political officials gathered in the Plainfield High School auditorium, last Wednesday, that the battle was far from over.

"There is a war on children these days," Morheuser told the crowd, adding, that it was up to them to make their voices heard in Trenton since "those who affect our lives through legislation do not care about educating our young people."

She pointed out that although New Jersey is the second richest state in the union, it is "40th in funding for education."

Morheuser said Governor Christine Whitman and her conservative administration was not interested in the plight of urban students.

She stated, "the governor believes that money makes no difference in the provision of education and has vowed to reduce income tax by 30 percent, the primary source of state support for education."

She also pointed out that Governor Whitman praised a report to former Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman which recommended that "substantial equality in spending" was satisfied when the poor districts reach 80 percent of affluent districts' spending per pupil.

"Poor children have a right to be on the same playing field as affluent students," Morheuser, said to the crowd.

In 1990, she said the state on behalf of 30 urban school districts in the Abbott vs. Burke school funding case. The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled the state did shortchange the urban districts and ordered the state to close the nearly \$600 million funding gap.

The state legislature then passed the Quality Education Act (QEA) which pumped more funds into the "special needs districts," those unable to raise enough taxes to provide a "thorough and efficient education" for their students.

Despite the court ruling and the QEA, funding disparities continued. Ms. Morheuser said the state again. In July 1994, the court ruled the QEA unconstitutional for failure to guarantee equitable spending for the poorest school districts.

The court continues to have jurisdiction over the case which gives Morheuser the (Continued on page 3)

Governor Whitman to join teens for town meeting program

NEWARK—Governor Christine Todd Whitman, along with several television and film personalities and community leaders, will join youth offenders and high school students from throughout the state for a special television program entitled, *Straight Talk on Teen Violence* on Friday, December 16, at NJN Television Studio in Trenton. The purpose of *Straight Talk on Teen Violence* is to give youth offenders and high school students an opportunity to talk about the issue of teen violence and its impact on the family and the community. The program may also be a very effective vehicle in helping to prevent the occurrence of antisocial behaviors among youth in our communities.

In addition to Governor Whitman, actor John Amos, Rolanda Watts, Charles Dutton, star of the hit television series *Boyz n the City*, and Edward James Olmos, film star of *Stand and Deliver*, will be reaching out to youths in an effort to help stop the violence and to aid them in looking at their lives in a new way. Interested community agencies may send a representative or teen students to participate in the program. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to make reservations, call William Sanchez at 201-648-7085 or Al Bundy at 201-648-0561.

COMMENTARY

The double standard tradition continues

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

When individuals who serve in high office want to chastise, criticize and ridicule some members of our community—particularly our youth—for acting out certain negative behaviors, we need to seriously question their conduct and actions.

When you have a United States Senator sworn to uphold and protect the Constitution, threaten the President of the United States (ironically, on the same day that marks the 31st anniversary of the assassination of another President), and then other elected leaders of this party attempt to justify and condone his remarks and behavior, you can certainly understand why we are infected with such heavy cynicism and skepticism in our society.

Senator Jesse Helms, who is slated to become the next Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is a right-wing fanatic, whose views and opinions are seriously warped. He has publicly made numerous statements that reflect his racist, sexist, and fascist

doctrine of white supremacy. His remarks have been targeted against African Americans, Jewish Americans, women, Hispanics, Asians, etc.

Senator Helms has been making derogatory remarks against President Clinton throughout his tenure, but he sank to a low recently when he stated that the President had better bring a bodyguard with him if he came to any military bases in his home state of North Carolina.

These comments were made only days after he had already stated that the President, who is the Commander in Chief of all the military, didn't have the support of the troops, with an implied message that suggested widespread insubordination and even mutiny on behalf of the nation's armed forces.

If you or I publicly made these comments, particularly the threat against the President (which is a federal crime), we would have been picked up by agents from the Secret Service and the F.B.I., arrested and locked up.

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Community Calendar

MONTH OF DECEMBER
JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library will offer a series of Christmas films. For more info, call 201-547-4546.
NEWARK—The Newark Museum is hosting "Day Without Art" and International Day of Action and Mourning in response to the AIDS crisis at 12 noon. For more info, call the Newark Museum.

DECEMBER 1-10
MONTCLAIR—The Mainstage Theater Series at Montclair State University presents "The Miracle Worker" at the Studio Theater on campus. For more info, call 201-655-5112 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DECEMBER 2-10
WAYNE—The Pulitzer Prize-winning Thornton Wilder classic "Our Town" will be staged at William Patterson College. For more info, call 201-595-2371.

DECEMBER 3-10
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City artist, Victoria Raymond will present three workshops on how to make holiday pins and decorations at the area libraries at 10 a.m. For more info, on times call 201-547-4510.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer two continuing education courses applicable toward the Certified Trauma Counselor (CTC) designation of the International Association of Trauma Counselors (IATC) on Saturdays in December. For more info, on times, call 201-200-3089.

DECEMBER 9, 10
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer three December courses for persons seeking certification as alcoholism and/or drug abuse counselors in the State of New Jersey. For more info, or to register, call 201-920-3089.

DECEMBER 7
GREENBROOK—The Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will hold a Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the facility's library. For more info, call 908-988-5500.

MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University will hold its 17th annual Holiday Crafts Show and Sale between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Send Community Calendar events to *City News*,
 P.O. Box 1774 Plainfield, NJ 07061

Citizens making a difference



March of Dimes 1994 Community Service Awards recipients Pictured, (back row, l to r) are William H. Glenn, of Westfield, market general manager, Pepsi Cola Company; Dr. Eric Munoz, of Summit, medical director, UMDNJ - University Hospital; Jon Spoelstra, of Saddle River, president and chief operating officer, New Jersey Nets; and M. John Richard, of Plainfield, senior vice president, New Jersey Performing Arts Center. (front row, l to r) Dr. Connie Uy, of Pine Brook, director of Pediatric Nephrology, United Hospital Medical Center; keynote speaker Jean R. Marshall, of Toms River, assistant commissioner of Health of New Jersey; Beverley V. Henderson, of Orange, director of Ambulatory Maternal and Child Health Services, Hospital Center at Orange; and Grace Gibson, of East Orange, Community Volunteer, Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages. Not Pictured are Senator Wynona M. Lipman, and Pamela T. Miller, Esquire, of Hackensack, Vice President, Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Foundation classic reaches \$100,000 Mark



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
RAHWAY—The Union County Festival of Arts will be at 4 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center. For more info, call 908-556-2550 or 499-8226.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
JERSEY CITY—The Clarendon Branch Library invites adults patrons to a Christmas Community coffee hour with refreshments and a movie at 11 a.m. For more info, call 201-547-4555.

PLAINFIELD—Proceeds topped \$100,000 thanks to the business, corporate and community leaders who supported Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's sixth annual Foundation Classic at Plainfield Country Club. Above, left to right, Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry, Nina Weil, of Alpine Aromatics, a major sponsor of the event and William J. Weil, of Wagner, Stott & Co., chairman of the event, enjoy the dinner and reception following a day of golf. Contributions will benefit the Diabetes Center of New Jersey, a division of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Amahl and the night visitors

NEWARK—Amahl and the Night Visitors is a one act opera of a poor, crippled boy and his mother an impoverished widow, who open their home to the Three Wise Men and their Page on their way to Bethlehem. The visit of the Three Wise Men poses a spiritual and moral challenge for Amahl and his mother who are astonished at the splendor of their garments and the wealth of gifts they carry.

Amahl is portrayed by child actor J Dupre Gibson. At 13 years of age, Gibson is already a seasoned singer/actor. A Harlem resident, Gibson studies at the Harlem School of the Arts under the direction of Yvonne Hatcher, the renowned mezzo-soprano/contralto who also plays his mother in the opera.

The story takes place 2,000 years in the past, but is a timeless commentary on socioeconomic inequalities and the brutal impact it has on the underprivileged.

The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church in Newark.



Actor J Dupre Gibson

Proceeds from the performance will benefit the After-School Care Program at Franklin St. John's United Church, which provides an essential service providing educational assistance, spiritual support and a safe haven to children throughout the community between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Services are open to any child in the community between grades one through six. For further information and ticket prices please call 201-923-4449.

Soul Brothers Production Co., Inc.

Proudly Presents:
 Second Annual
 Kwanzaa Extravaganza

Date: December 17, 1994

Location: Black United Fund Community Center Complex, 402 W. 7th Street, Plainfield NJ (908) 581-0123

Time: 6:00 p.m. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Show begins 7:00 a.m. Show ends

ENTERTAINMENT

Back by Popular Demand: Motivational Speaker marion S. Salim

African Dance Band: Dance Productions

Performing Artists: "Tombi Precious", Special Guest Comedian "Lucy"

Special Encore Performance by Val Adams & Dimension

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Ethnic Food For Sale Vendors Wanted

Ticket prices: 5-12 years \$5 (includes \$10 at door: 13-18 years \$10 (includes \$12 at door: Adults \$15 (includes \$12 at door: For Group Rates call (201) 696-4771.

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Didn't raise you to be a drunk.

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by Robert N. Taylor

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other minority groups. Ironically, the man accused of Dahmer's slaying is also black. Christopher Scarver was in jail for a 1982 episode-style murder. Authorities are trying to determine if other inmates were involved in the beating death.—PORTAGE, WIS.

Rangel: Postpone party leadership selections

Senior Congressional Black Caucus member Charles Rangel of New York last week called on the Democratic party to postpone the selection of new party leaders. Rangel and several other black members of Congress fear that in the wake of the recent Republican party victories at the polls, the Democrats may choose more conservative leadership. Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume of Maryland said, "The last thing we need is two Republican parties." In addition, Rangel charged that blacks, women, and Hispanics had been left out of party leadership discussions.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Blacks seek to establish new cable television network

The prospects for a new black-oriented premium cable channel are looking brighter for 1995. Currently, there is only one black cable channel, the Washington, D.C.-based Black Entertainment Television. The new network, World African Network(WAN), is the brainchild of Eugene Jackson, who has wife Phyllis along with several partners. The channel would target blacks in the 40 largest U.S. television markets as well as markets in several African and Caribbean countries. The prospects for WAN have improved because of changes in the cable industry which are likely to allow more channels in 1995. The new network will be based in Atlanta, Georgia.—ATLANTA, GA.

Teen violence on the rise nationwide

The Rolonda Show has commissioned a poll which shows that teen violence is reaching epidemic proportions in the U.S. Show host, Rolonda Watts, is airing show illustrating that teen violence is taking its toll on students in small cities, towns and suburbs, as well as urban settings. In a new Roper survey, commissioned by the Rolonda Show, it was revealed that students in rural communities and small towns are now twice as likely to carry weapons as students living in large cities. Other alarming conclusions drawn from the Roper Poll reveals that students who live in the West are twice as likely as those in the Northeast to know someone who has died violently. The study shows that more than half of all students know someone in their neighborhood or school who carries a weapon. Dr. Deborah Prothro-Smith, Professor of Public Health Practice at Harvard School of Public Health, which assisted in the study, said, "America is in the midst of an epidemic of youth violence. The children across this country are experiencing unprecedented tragedy, pain and fear, as documented by this and many other studies. Violence is not inevitable. It is learned behavior and is preventable. There are exciting and impressive programs scattered across the country that are models for prevention. We must take action for the sake of ourselves and our children."—NEW YORK, NY.

Black high school graduation rates on the rise

A report released by the Census Bureau shows that while the percentage of young African-American adults completing high school increased significantly from 1973 to 1993, that group's college enrollment rate did not increase in relation to that of white young adults. High school completion rates for blacks rose from 67 percent in 1973 to 75 percent in 1993. There was no change for either whites (83 percent) or Hispanics (81 percent). In 1993 only 33 percent of black high school graduates were enrolled in college.—WASHINGTON, DC.

Legislature not interested

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opportunity to take the state back into court if the needs are not met. The court also established the 1997-1998 school year as an official deadline for the state to reach full compliance. However, the state has in place to meet the court's ruling.

Our government believes that the best way to help public schools is to let them to economize," Morheser stated.

She predicted that the "state legislature will not move toward parity nor for a substantial increase in state aid by 1995-1996. She also said legislation will move on two key issues: the removal of the "through

and efficient education" clauses in the state constitution which would completely eliminate the Abbott decision and advocating school vouchers which takes money out of public schools and into private parochial schools.

Morheser said the use of vouchers was unconstitutional since most private schools are religious schools and the Federal Constitution mandates a separation of church and state.

To meet these demands, she urged the audience to make their voices and take the streets of Trenton.

"What this state needs is a healthy dose on many occasions, of the power and voices of urban New Jersey. Unless you do that, they will forget you."

Bell Curve rings

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lows into the elitists' bomb shelter.

Yes, it's a "New" day; there's a "New" sheriff in town and he is very angry. Never mind the old deputy sheriff and more senior, Bob Dole. Newt is "the man" now, and he plans to let everyone know, especially those left-wing court-culturists, "those liberal socialists, and those welfare-dependent free-loaders. Newt is going to get them all."

To those who are giddy and gleeful at the prospect of having the

Gingrich gang run things for a while, be prepared for the Al Hays syndrome, "I'm in charge" all over again. Except this time the crisis will last much longer.

Strom Thurmond is ninety years old! He has to make up for lost time, and he has to do it fast. He's putting in his hat-ticking shoes and plans to make up for lost time; after all, he has "been a judge in South Carolina for quite some time now. Surely he misses his role of keeping the "negras" in check. So look out America. There's a

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objectives in mind."

The Summit will be an interactive event in which participants would work together to address particular concerns and devise specific, implementable strategies. Once these strategies are developed, conference participants will be charged to implement these activities within their local communities. A handbook for implementing the program will be provided to all participants.

"We want our 'Many Faces—One Family' program to challenge traditional thinking about diversity and make New Jersey a model for the nation," said Governor Whitman.

The 'Many Faces—One Family

ly' icon and communications plan was developed pro bono by Poppe Tyson Advertising & Public Relations to symbolize the objectives of the initiative and show that something special happens when people come together.

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The icon profiles four faces representing different ethnic backgrounds and symbolizes these individuals coming together in peace. In the icon, the product of the four faces coming together is that of a dove—the symbol of peace and harmony.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Violence is only a symptom

Crime figures for the most part are down in the metropolitan area except for one disturbing area—teenage crime. Teenage crime and violence has become the number one issue in today's society. Recently, New Jersey has implemented measures that deal with youth violence from being suspended from school for one year to being placed in alternative schools.

We agree that these and other measures are necessary to provide students with a safe place in which to be educated however, it must be realized that the violence committed by these youth is a symptom of more deep-seated problems in our society.

Violence is rooted in poverty, ignorance, prejudice and disrespect for authority. Until we face these problems and begin to solve them, violence will continue to plague our communities and cause youth to miss one of the greatest aspects of being young—the feeling of being safe.

This Gingrich will steal more than Christmas

by Julian K. Robinson

My most recent active political involvement included a public endorsement last summer of Senator Frank Lautenberg's third-term candidacy and three months of daily volunteer work since July across the Hudson in the re-election campaign of New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall.

In addition, you might say I had a strong emotional and spiritual involvement in the election efforts of New York Governor Mario Cuomo and Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, in my view both exceptional public servants. Given the outstanding victories of Kennedy, Lautenberg and McCall, and the defeat of Oliver North in Virginia, I imagine I should be happy with a "winning record of four out of five."

The dark and depressing other side of November's election for me, however, is the jarring simultaneous national Republican victory of overwhelming proportions...attaining that (Republican) party's first House majority since 1954, its first majority of state governors since 1970 and its first Senate majority in eight years and the likely beginning of a dramatic slide backward to the political and economic conservatism of the Reagan era.

I share New York Times columnist Bob Herbert's frightful prediction that beginning with the next Congress, "the Republicans will resume their war on urban America with a vengeance, targeting especially the elderly, the poor and the very young."

And if such a prospect is not terrifying enough in and of itself, looming in the immediate future is the January ascendancy of Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich to the exalted role of Speaker of the House of Representatives, third in the line of succession to the Presidency itself. Not only do the Gingrich right-wing philosophy and views cause me shudders, several alleged episodes from his personal life raise serious questions for me about his fitness to fill a national position of immense influence and power over the lives and very existence of others.

On the one hand, his first public

speech following his party's mammoth victory amounted to a virtual declaration of war on federal social programs; programs termed by Gingrich "disasters which have ruined the poor and created a culture of poverty and of violence which is destructive of this civilization." His comments convey succinctly and coldly to the beneficiaries of programs like Aid for Dependent Children, Head Start, the Job Corps and Medicaid that they will soon have to seek support elsewhere.

On the other, his apparent callousness in the manner in which he left his first wife and allegedly failed to provide appropriate child support payments suggests loudly and clearly that compassion and sensitivity do not constitute Congressman Gingrich's strong suit.

Add to this bleak picture the strong suggestion Gingrich can appoint on from conservative House colleagues, from the religious right and from Senate Neanderthals like Alfonse D'Amato, Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond, and it seems likely our nation's growing underclass, described so aptly by one urban mayor as "the last, the least and the lost among us," is in for a protracted period of even harder times than usual.

In a popular children's fairy tale of yesteryear, Dr. Seuss' fabled Grinch succeeded in stealing the Christmas season. In the very real world of today, the Georgia Grinch seems bent on doing all he can to surpass that performance.

Listen up, America, and get ready! You ain't seen nothing yet!

And one pertinent reflection closer to home: While I applaud Governor Whitman's excellent appointment of Judge James H. Coleman to the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Governor and her staff should be reminded that there is currently no African American serving at either the New Jersey Highway Authority or the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Although Bergen County attorney Pamela Miller was nominated to the Highway Authority by Whitman last winter, the Governor's staff has apparently failed thus far to persuade Bergen County Republican senators to act on the nomination.

by Connie Woodruff

If Essex County Executive-elect Jim Treffinger is serious about wanting to know what's really going on in county government, his transition team should be prepared to talk to the rank and file workers who have been on the payrolls of various departments for decades.

Above and beyond administrators and department heads the workers who keep offices functioning know the real deal about departmental budgets, policy, structure and ethics. The real work hours can even come up with suggestions on how to improve productivity and morale.

The Treffinger transition team co-chairmen include Jose Linares, a West Caldwell attorney; Joseph Yonno, a Millburn businessman; and Patricia Hurt, an attorney with municipal (Newark) and county government experience.

Hopefully in his outreach Mr. Treffinger will not rely solely on Mr. Hurt in dealing with issues impacting on African Americans. He has a golden opportunity to tap capable, knowledgeable and talented black Republicans like South Ward (Newark) COP chairman, Harold Edwards, a former county employee and city businessman, Henry (Hank) Henderson of the NY-NJ Port Authority, retired Judge

Harry Hazelwood, Everett Jennings of East Orange, Mary Singleton, a special NGO representative to the United Nations and John Talifaro, to mention a few.

Jim Treffinger has an excellent opportunity to bring about the change he consistently promised as a candidate but change must be for all the people in the county. Newark, East Orange, Irvington and Orange must be on the mind of the county executive as Short Hills, Montclair, Caldwell and Millburn are.

So far Treffinger has limited his transition team to suburbanites. In addition to the co-chairmen, the team's executive director is Kevin O'Toole, a Cedar Grove councilman.

Even the Democrat selected by acting county executive, County Administrator Donald Bisse to serve as a liaison to the transition team hails from suburbia. He is Essex County Council member Edelstein who had served on the transition team of former County Executive Thomas D'Alessio.

Edelstein is also chairman of the Essex County Improvement Authority, an autonomous agency that oversees the county's garbage disposal system at its incinerator.

Sometimes it does appear that the more things change the more they are the same, politically speak-

ing, that is.

Arrogance can kill the goose that lays the golden egg and that's what may happen to the Superintendent and Newark Board of Education.

The state is now threatening to cut Newark aid over the school board's five new cars purchased without approval by the acting auditor general who represents the state in Newark.

Superintendent Eugene Campbell has been ordered to stop payment on checks totaling \$74,000 for the cars or face a loss of state aid in that amount.

The state and the board have been arguing about the purchase since last summer with the auditor general sending memos to Campbell directing that the purchases be held up. Campbell replied contending the purchases were made when board lawyers advised him they were proper. The bone of contention between the auditor general and the board appears to be based on failure to assure the state the vehicles will be used only for official business.

Campbell has said board members needed them to visit schools in the district. Four of the cars are to be used by eight board members while the fifth was purchased for the exclusive use of the board president.

Newark is the only district in the state providing district purchased cars to board members. Campbell has the use of a car and driver as do many other

school superintendents.

Most of the time Rebecca Doggett served as auditor general she too was ignored when it came to spending money. The superintendent and board were bombarded with memos and severely criticized but that was about the extent of "punishment" for violating the state audit.

Deputy Education Commissioner Richard DiPatri said, "If the board continues to kick sand in our face, then perhaps we should pursue other options...if the only way we can recoup that money is to deduct state aid payments, then that is what we will have to do."

The Newark school budget is higher than the overall budget for the city of Newark, a fact that seems to be of little concern to the mayor and council. At least they don't complain publicly while picking up 20 percent of the cost of running schools in Newark that has one of the worst reputations for properly educating children.

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It's been a long time coming but finally school administrators and Newark Mayor Sharpe James are admitting schools are so bad police patrols will watch over children inside and outside school buildings and near-by neighborhoods.

Said James, "A crisis now exists. (Continued on page 10)

The double standard continues

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For an elected official to make these statements is completely irresponsible. Senator Helms should have been treated like any other individual making these kinds of public remarks would have been. The double standards are glaring and only further to develop a distrustful and skeptical attitude among our youth who are taught one thing in school, but see it practiced another way in real life.

Senator Helms and the other members of Congress who sought to explain and justify his comments, shouldn't get upset when any un-

der or insane individual(s) might threaten or physically harm them.

It is very disturbing that someone who is as fanatical and out of control as Senator Jesse Helms will be heading up one of the most important and powerful committees in the government. The Foreign Relations Committee doesn't need as its chairperson, someone who has already promoted insurrection and insubordination from the armed forces; and in addition, has threatened the Commander in Chief.

While we may all like to read the

literary works of authors like Robert Ludlum, Tom Clancy, Ken Follet etc., detailing intrigue and espionage in our government, and just turn it up as fiction, the reality and truth behind some of this work isn't that far-fetched from events unfolding right before our eyes and behind the scenes that never get reported to the public.

Members of the Republican Party who are opposed to the fanatical views and dogma of the Jesse Helms's, Strom Thurmond's, Newt Gingrich's etc. contingent, need to speak up and voice their opposition

to these extremists.

Senator Bob Dole has said that he had a "talk" with Senator Helms, who assured him that his comments were just made in "jest" and were taken out of context. Senator Helms should be taken in "jest" and not allowed to obtain the chairman position on this important Congressional committee. If he does, the Republican Party had better prepare itself for more embarrassing statements and behavior on the part of this indistinguishable Senator from North Carolina.

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DECEMBER 8

NEW YORK—Family Portrait a play about a family living with the secret of incest will be performed at The Shubert Theater at NYU Tisch School of Arts at 10 a.m. For more info, call 212-969-0745.

DECEMBER 9

WESTBURY—Gladya Knight will perform at the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For more info, call 516-334-0800.

DECEMBER 9 AND 10

ATLANTIC CITY—Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons will appear at The Grand A Bally Casino Resort. For more info, call 1-800-735-1420.

DECEMBER 10 AND 11

NEW YORK—The Marymount Manhattan Dance Company presents *Soupy Sales* narrating the ballet "Peter and the Wolf" at 3:00 p.m. at the Marymount Manhattan Theater on 221 East 71st Street.

DECEMBER 10, 11, 12

WESTBURY—Kenny Rogers will be performing at the Westbury Music Fair for the holiday season. For more info, call 516-334-0800.

DECEMBER 14 THRU 19

NEW YORK—The Lincoln Center presents a week-long jazz celebration honoring Louis Armstrong at various locations. For more info, call 212-721-6500.

DECEMBER 15 THRU 18

MILLBURN—The Nutcracker will be performed at the Paper Mill Playhouse at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. matinees. For more info, call 201-376-4343.

DECEMBER 17

WATCHUNG—Jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson will be appearing at the Watchung Center. The 8:00 p.m. concert will offer a varied program of jazz, pop, samba and more. Call 908-753-0190 for ticket information.

SOUTH AMBOY—Saxman Marion Meadows will be appearing at Club Bene Dinner Theater. Showtime is at 9:00 p.m. For more info, and or reservations call 908-727-3000.

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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

Snipes and Warner star in Drop Zone

On December 9, Paramount Pictures is releasing *Drop Zone*, a high-action thriller starring Wesley Snipes and Malcolm-Jamal Warner. Directed by John Badham (*Blue Thunder* and *State of Mind*), *Drop Zone* brings some of the most authentic skydiving stunts to the big screen.

Snipes and Warner play brothers Pete and Terry Nespi, two U.S. Marshalls who are escorting a convicted computer hacker to prison via a commercial 747. During the trip the plane is attacked and the prisoner is kidnapped by skydivers. Terry is killed during the attack and Pete teams up with a professional skydiver to bring the renegade parachute team and their leader Ty Moncrief (Gary Busey) to justice before they overtake the ultimate drop zone—Washington, D.C.

"Wesley Snipes was the first actor we brought into the film," says director John Badham. "What made the idea so interesting was his athletic abilities and charisma. He has a way of letting you know he could learn all of this stuff in five minutes. He has great strength and power, in person and on the screen."

Wesley Snipes has become one of Hollywood's most eclectic leading men, receiving acclaim for roles in such films as *Sugar Hill*, *Rising Sun*, *Passenger 57*, *White Men Can't Jump*, *New Jack City* and *Jungle Fever*. His upcoming films include *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything*, *Julie Newmar*



Wesley Snipes (r) and Malcolm Jamal Warner (l) in star in Drop Zone
Photo by: Bruce W. Talamon

and *Money Train* which he'll begin filming in New York this December. Born in Orlando, Florida, Snipes moved to the South Bronx with his family and attended the High School for the Performing Arts. He then attended SUNY Purchase and went on to play roles in such Broadway productions as *Boys of Winter*, *Execution of Justice* and Nobel Laureate

Wole Soyinka's *Death and King's Horsemen*. Snipes now resides on both the East and West Coasts and is a student of Capoeira, an African/Brazilian martial art form.

"Film acting is the next challenge for me to tackle," says Warner who has tried his hand at directing television. *Drop Zone* was a great experience. Aside from the fun I had working with Wesley, it also provided me with the opportunity to learn more as a director. John Badham was very generous in terms of knowledge. I was always asking him questions and he was very willing to share information with me."

WAR set to appear in concert at Club Bené



Rock, jazz, funk, Latin, R&B group WAR will be performing in concert at the Club Bene Dinner Theatre located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville NJ, on Saturday December 10, for one night only. For reservations call 908-727-3000.

WNET presents *Legendary Trails*

NEW YORK—From time immemorial, faithful pilgrims have endured the hardships of trekking to places considered sacred in their beliefs. In *Legendary Trails*, four one-hour programs premiering Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. (ET) on PBS, distinguished writers and journalists trace the footsteps of these travelers and find themselves embarking on journeys of spiritual exploration as well. The series is presented on public

television by Thirteen/WNET in New York.

Legendary Trails is part of the PBS programming initiative featuring the theme of "exploration" that began in the fall. Programs airing in "exploration" take audiences on tours of exotic locations, guided by noteworthy hosts who offer a highly personal view of the journey.

"This is armchair travel for the mind as well as the eye," notes Thir-

teen's George Page, director of Science, Nature, and Features. "The programs in *Legendary Trails* are not only terrific travel stories, but they also touch on an ancient human desire, the quest for knowledge that transcends human experience. You don't have to believe in anything particularly religious or spiritual to be awed by the variety and difficulty of the journeys people have made for the sake of their souls."

Janet Taylor Pickett exhibits work at Westminister Art Gallery

Janet Taylor Pickett (right) is among a group of 21 award-winning artists whose work is featured in "Anniversary: A Westminster Retrospective," at Bloomfield College's Westminster Art Gallery through December 16. The show includes photography, paintings and drawings, sculpture, an installation, and prints. The Westminster Art Gallery is located in the College's Westminster Arts Center on Fremont Street in Bloomfield, and is open Monday through Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and by appointment. For more information on the exhibition, the Gallery, call Lisa Farese at 201-748-9000, ext. 343.



Janet Taylor Pickett

Holiday Musical Fare at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—Expect temperatures to rise in New Brunswick during the frosty holiday season as Broadway musical star Andre De Shields brings an all-new, tenth anniversary production of his hot and sassy musical revue *Haarlem* Nocturne to Crossroads Theater Company, closing with Crossroads' second annual "Bring Down the House" New Year's Eve gala, December 31.

With original music and classics representing five decades of styles including rhythm and blues, jazz, reggae and rock and roll, *Haarlem* Nocturne tells the story of a young man's journey from a small town to the big city and back.

De Shields, who originated the title role in the original Broadway pro-

duction of *The Wiz* and also starred on Broadway in the long-running *Ain't Misbehavin'*, conceived *Haarlem* Nocturne and wrote it with Murray Horwitz, co-creator of *Ain't Misbehavin'*.

The Crossroads production of *Haarlem* Nocturne will be the play's first in a theatrical venue. Performances are Tuesdays through Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Weekday matinees are scheduled for 11 a.m. on December 8, 15 and 29, and 1 p.m. on December 22. Additional Sunday performances are at 7:30 p.m., December 11 and 18. There will be one performance on December 24 at 3 p.m. For ticket information call 908-249-5581, or 908-249-5560.



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
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East Orange and NJT to host business conference

EAST ORANGE—The city of East Orange and New Jersey Transit Corporation have joined in partnership to provide owners of minority, small and women-owned businesses with information on how to do business with large companies and governmental agencies in the metropolitan area.

On Tuesday, December 13, from

10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the main branch of the East Orange Public Library, the city and NJ Transit will sponsor a conference entitled "The Art of Inclusion."

The day-long event will focus on how businesses can receive certification to qualify for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

programs of government agencies and various sources of financial and technical assistance available.

During the day business owners will also be able to promote their specific products, goods and services at the conference which will feature workshops covering topics such as bidding for goods and services, set aside programs, MBE/DBE certification, bonding, insurance, seeking

technical and financial assistance.

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According to George Wheale Williams, East Orange coordinator of economic development, the concept for the conference came after discussions with local businesses voicing concerns about the difficulty they have experienced gaining aid.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
(P.L. 1975 C 127)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield invites bids on the Installation of Closed Circuit Television System at West End Gardens Liberty & West Fourth Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, as shown & indicated in the contract documents. Drawings and specifications are \$55.00 per set and may be picked up at the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

In addition to the requirements of the drawings and specifications, and general conditions of bidding, your attention is drawn to the following items:

1. PHA will receive bid at the business office located at 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey on December 9, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. local time at which time they will be opened publicly and read.
2. Bids will be opened publicly.
3. All bids must be submitted in duplicate on the official bid form and enclosed in an envelope which must be sealed, addressed to the project administrator and marked:
**BID FOR: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
WEST END GARDENS CCTV
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY**
4. All bids must be on a lump sum basis, separate prime contract bids will not be accepted.
5. Prices quoted must include all federal, state and municipal sales and excise taxes.
6. The owner reserves the right to:
 - a. Reject any or all bids without any reason therefor;
 - b. Accept any bid or bids which it deems is in its best interest;
 - c. Be the sole judge of equivalency.
7. Any bid submitted will be binding for thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the bid opening.
8. The form of agreement between the owner and the contractor will be AIA document A101 owner/contractor agreement, stipulated sum, current edition.
9. The following forms supplied with the specification shall be submitted with each bid:
Proposal Form
Bid Bond
Consent of Surety
Non Collusive Affidavit
Certificate As To Corporate Principals
Certificate As To Partners or Owners
Statement of Bidders Qualifications
Minority Business Enterprises Program
Performance Bond

END OF SECTION IB

INVITATION TO BID
(P.L. 1975 C 127)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield invites bids on the Installation of Automatic Gates at Richmond Towers Site, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, as shown & indicated in the contract documents. Drawings and specifications are \$55.00 per set and may be picked up at the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

In addition to the requirements of the drawings and specifications, and general conditions of bidding, your attention is drawn to the following items:

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**BID FOR: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
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END OF SECTION IB

BID INVITATION
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Faith, Bricks, & Mortar, Inc., a Community Housing Development Organization, will receive sealed bids for the rehabilitation of 1601-03 West Third Street and/or 1064 Arlington Avenue, as shown on drawings and detailed in these specifications from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, prevailing time, on December 16, 1994, at its place of business, 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. Bids will be opened publicly and read at that time. A bid in sealed envelope provided with the bid documents and shall be delivered to the business office during the time herein stated. This project is authorized pursuant to an Agreement between Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, funded by the United Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

A copy of the contract documents may be obtained on December 9, 1994, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PM. A Certified Check or Bank Draft payable to the order of Faith, Bricks, & Mortar, Inc., or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not to exceed Nine Thousand Nine Hundred (\$9,900) Dollars shall be required to receive the contract documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the bid documents must be paid on this project and that employees and applicants for employment are not to be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 as well as the Affirmative Action requirements of the City of Plainfield, along with the Federal Equal Opportunity Employment Act and Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Such requirements are set forth in the bid documents. Bidders must also comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding requirements.

Time is of the essence and all work must be completed by the time specified in the specifications. Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., reserves the right to accept the lowest qualified bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informalities in bids or to accept any bid as it shall deem for the best interest of the HOME program. Preference shall be given to Plainfield bidders.

All bids will be reviewed by the Development Committee of Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., on Thursday, December 22, 1994, at a duly constituted meeting of said committee, at which time the committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting, on January 11, 1995. Said meeting shall commence at 3:00 PM. Bids may be held by Faith, Bricks & Mortar, for a period not to exceed (60) calendar days from the date of the opening of bids, prior to awarding of the contracts.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CONTRACT #93-P-102
STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT CLINTON AVENUE
BETWEEN W. SIXTH STREET AND THE GREEN BROOK
CITY OF PLAINFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The City of Plainfield will receive sealed bids for Contract No. 93-P-102, STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT CLINTON AVENUE BETWEEN W. SIXTH STREET AND THE GREEN BROOK, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, as shown on drawings and detailed in these specifications, until 2:30 p.m. prevailing local time on January 5, 1995 at the City Hall Library, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Bid must be in a sealed envelope provided with the Bid documents and shall be delivered to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, before the time herein stated. Bids are invited for all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, delivery, and services concerning STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT CLINTON AVENUE BETWEEN W. SIXTH STREET AND THE GREEN BROOK, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, in accordance with the contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications which are on file in the engineering division office at 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. All workmanship and materials shall be in accordance with the 1989 New Jersey Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for road and bridge construction, as amended.

A copy of the contract documents may be obtained upon deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) as a check, or hand draft, payable to the City of Plainfield, from the Engineering Division Office, City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. The deposit shall be forfeited for not submitting a bid, or not returning plans and specifications in good condition within 30 days of the bid opening.

All Bidders must complete cost proposals for all alternatives listed in the proposal section.

A certified check or bank draft payable in the order of the City of Plainfield, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), of a satisfactory bid bond executed by the Bidder in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project and that employees and applicants for employment are not to be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 as well as the Affirmative Action requirements of the City of Plainfield. Such requirements are included in the bid documents.

The City of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informalities in bids, or to accept any bid as it shall deem for the best interest of the City of Plainfield, N.J.

Bids may be held by the City for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 56-1, Magnolia Gardens
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Sealed bids for the Roof/Floor Replacement and Repair work at Magnolia Gardens for the Berkeley Township Housing Authority, Bayville, New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Berkeley shall receive sealed bids by Friday, January 6, 1995 at the Administrative Offices of the Housing Authority until 2:00 PM, all bids shall be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his Agent. No bids shall be accepted after the designated time.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Bidder and clearly marked "Roof/Floor Replacement and Repair".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Housing Authority Administration Building at 44 Frederick Drive, Bayville, N.J. on Monday, December 19, 1994 at 10:00 AM. Attendance at this meeting is not a mandatory requirement, but is recommended.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance/Payment Bond and other contract documents will be available for purchase at the Administrative Offices of the Housing Authority during normal business hours for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 after 10:00 AM on Monday, December 5, 1994.

The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding or to accept or reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

RICHARD C. AIELLO, PHM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

All Bidders for the construction of the "Congregate Living Facility" at Morris Morris Senior Citizen Complex, 99 Keith Road, Morris Township, New Jersey, are notified that Addendum #1 dated December 1, 1994 has been issued. The RIBA Group, One Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morristown, New Jersey, Addendum #1 will be mailed to all prospective bidders who have previously obtained documents. Copies of Addendum #1 will be available at the office of the RIBA Group between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Bids remain scheduled to be opened and read at 2:00 P.M. on December 20, 1994 as previously advertised.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS
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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Offices of the Authority, located at 31 Park Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey, on Monday, February 13, 1995 at 10:00 a.m., for the construction of a new public housing project, located at that time for **EXTERMINATING SERVICES - PROJECT NOS. NJ02-301 THROUGH 006 - FAIR HAVEN AND SENIOR PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS** for a single complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not to exceed \$20,000.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon deposit of cash, check, or bank draft in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the "Morristown Housing Authority" for each set. Such deposit will be refunded upon return of the Documents in good condition within ten days after Bid opening. DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe and such Sureties as they may approve.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127, which pertains to "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which relates to a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program
And Access Link Paratransit Plan Annual Update

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (NJ TRANSIT Access Link Paratransit Plan Annual Update). A hearing will be held in each geographic region in accordance with Section 5 of P.L. 1984-578 of SCOTRAP and Section 37.135(c) of the Americans with Disabilities Act, respectively. Each hearing will have an afternoon and evening session. The locations are in Somerville, Newark and Millville New Jersey in accordance with the statute.

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds capital, operating and maintenance expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program also funds accessibility improvements to NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system, the provision of technical assistance to the counties and the administration of the statewide program. The ADA places a mandate on transit entities operating a fixed route system to individuals with disabilities that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system. NJ TRANSIT is required to submit annual updates on the NJ TRANSIT paratransit plan submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The annual update includes program developments and planned milestones to bring NJ TRANSIT in compliance with the ADA paratransit mandate. All materials to be reviewed at these hearings are available in accessible formats on request.

An interpreter for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments will be available. If you need information about transportation to the hearing, please contact NJ TRANSIT's Office of Special Services at 201-491-7372.

The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, oral presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written comments for the record may be sent to Mr. Albert R. Hasbrouck, III, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza, East Newark, New Jersey 07070-2248 by January 12, 1995. In accordance with the above statute, public hearings will be held as follows:

CENTRAL PLACE: Somerset County Freshford's Office
REGION: Somerset County Administration Building
20 Grove Street, 3rd Floor
Somerville, NJ 08876
DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 1995
TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 p.m. - Conclusion (Evening Session)

NORTHERN PLACE: New Jersey Transit Corporation
REGION: Bus Room One Penn Plaza East
Newark, New Jersey
DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 1995
TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 p.m. - Conclusion (Evening Session)

SOUTHERN PLACE: City of Millville City Hall
REGION: 12 South High Street
South High Street Chamber
Millville, NJ 08332
DATE: Thursday, January 12, 1995
TIME: 2:30 p.m. - Conclusion (Afternoon Session) and 6:00 p.m. - Conclusion (Evening Session)

SHIRLEY A. DELIBERO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - RFP ANNOUNCEMENT

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) - Office of Availability of Federal and State Funds for the Privatization of Five DYFS-operated Child Care Centers.

Take notice that the Division of Youth and Family Services is requesting proposals from interested parties to provide services to the five child care centers, including but not limited to: a) a private agency or public or private agency, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which operates licensed child care centers within the State to assume responsibility for operating these five child care centers. In addition, any public or private agency, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which does not operate licensed child care centers within the State, but that they can meet the requirements of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may also apply.

Notice of this bid will be published on or after December 19, 1994 in the NEW JERSEY REGISTER. Copies of the RFP can be obtained by contacting:

Ron Bruschini, Assistant Administrator
DYFS
Office of Statewide Operations and Support
CN17
Trenton, NJ 08625-0717
(609)292-9155

Copies of the RFP can also be obtained at the Bidders' Conference indicated below. It is a PREREQUISITE and a REQUIREMENT that prospective applicants attend this Bidders' Conference. Failure to attend the Bidders' Conference will disqualify individuals, agencies or organizations from the application process. Those who will attend this conference must confirm their attendance by the end of the closure or delayed opening date at least five working days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting:

Date: January 11, 1995
Time: 10:00 AM
Address: Department of Personnel-Human Resource Development Institute
600 College Road East, Building 600
Room 707
Ron Bruschini, DYFS Office of Statewide Operations and Support, 609-292-9155

Inclement weather will not result in the cancellation of the mandatory bidder's conference unless a severe weather advisory is issued by the official closure or delayed opening date of State offices on the above date. In the event of the closure or delayed opening date of State offices, the Bidder's Conference will be CANCELED and then held the following alternative:

Date: January 13, 1995
Time: 10:00 AM
Address: Department of Personnel-Human Resource Development Institute
600 College Road East, Building 600
Room 707 (Theater) Plainboro, NJ

NOTE: Announcements concerning the closure or delayed opening of State Offices are broadcast on radio stations throughout the State.

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COMMENTARY

NBA system out of whack, not just Webber

by Fern Taylor

Stopdisin' Chris Webber. Leave Antefes Hardaway alone, too. These brothers have been blamed for everything that's wrong with sports today. The chorus of squawking and whining against these young stars has grown louder since Webber, last year's NBA Rookie of the Year, was traded from the Golden State Warriors to the Washington Bullets for Tom Gugliotta and three first round draft picks because he and Warriors coach Don Nelson could not get along.

All the major papers, the call-in shows and the sports centers have been vicious in their verbal assaults. They are called crybabies, greedy, selfish, ungrateful, petulant and bad for the game.

Reading this stuff made me upset, because, "it ain't about that." While some of these players badly need some home training (a few more good whippings when they were younger would've hurt), common sense would tell you that its not just about greed and selfishness on the part of 20-year-olds. The whole system is out of whack.

Listen, can you blame Webber if someone is willing to pay him a million dollars to play round ball and to cater to his every need? Is it right to get mad at Hardaway for exercising a right—legally agreed to by ownership—to re-negotiate after one year, if that's his choice?

Let me ask you this: If the contract on your 9 to 5 job gave you a legal right to re-negotiate a better arrangement after a year's work, wouldn't you investigate the possibilities?

All the focus is on the zillion of dollars these men make. We neglect to explore the undercurrent of social and business stimuli that contribute to the insanity of the present day product called the National Basketball Association that we love.

Let me attempt to bring some light to the situation with the following, well-thought-out OK opinionated

ed) statements: Players are born to compete. It's in their blood. In order to become a professional, an athlete has to be ten times better than nearly everyone else on the planet. Successful athletes owe confidence, and arrogance from the neighborhood playground to the NBA arena to commercial endorsements competing against one another is the norm. What makes you think it would be any different when it comes to getting paid?

Think about it. What's the difference between \$65 million and \$74 million to a 20-year old. Both contracts will pay for a fleet of Jags, Rolls, or anything else they can ever want. It's not just the money, it's the notion that "I'm better than you, so I need to get paid more than you."

The agents are born to make athletes (and themselves) rich. How much do you think a 21-year-old is going to know about business, law, and contracts? Very little or none at all. All they need to know is

1) where they were drafted
2) how much did the guy before me get paid?
3) what did the guy who was picked after me get paid?

The feeding off this logic and the competitive nature of the athletes,

agents are what makes the agents MVPs at driving up the price to get his player a contract. Oh yes, the agent gets paid handsomely for his efforts. And gets paid again if he has to re-negotiate (see 1-year opt out clause).

Owners are born to buy, sell and make a profit. NBA owners know their game. They know that NBA teams are a finite resource that's in high demand (do you know of a major metro area in the World that doesn't want a team?)

Consequently, ownership will cope with the pressure to win, to sign the best talent, to set aside big money to unproven players. They'll hire a coach every couple of years to teach, baby-sit, psychoanalyze and nurture these players. When the owner gets fed up, he'll just sell the team and get double his money back. Not a bad deal.

Commissioner David Stern is right, with a huge NBA pie there is plenty to go around so that every body gets paid. A rookie salary cap is a critical first step in any collective bargaining agreement. Yet it is irresponsible and narrow-minded to attack the players alone for exercising their rights to get paid.

Results of 1st. Annual Donald Van Blake Junior Tennis Tournament

The tournament was played on November 11 to 13, at Hub Stein Field in Plainfield.

Event

Girls 12 Singles

Boys 12 Singles

Girls 14 Singles

Boys 14 Singles

Girls 18 Singles

Boys 18 Singles

Winner

Paige Corbett

Westfield

Matthew Hopkins

Plainfield

Caroline Tell

Westfield

Paul Rico

So. Orange

Arjana Brooks

Somerset

Kenneth Martinez

Plainfield

Finalist

Erin Corbett

Westfield

Jerome Kirland

Plainfield

Bianca Brown

West Orange

Brian Wolff

Iselin

Paige Thompson

Plainfield

Rob Candela

Plainfield

As I see it... (Continued from page 4)

We cannot allow our schools to become a hostile environment," In pointing to daily reports on students being harassed, robbed and beaten in or near schools.

On occasion I visit Newark schools and in the high schools in particular students are up and down the stairwells and halls like a thundering herd when changing classrooms and at the end of the day session.

A fight can break out in the twinkling of an eye if someone accidentally steps on somebody's foot or unintentionally pushed.

When young people say they're scared to go to school it isn't an excuse for staying home. The atmosphere is and around the high schools is threatening and dangerous and you never can tell who brought a gun to school that day or what gang is waiting around for a rumble.

Mayor James has called for more individual and parental accountability

by those parents who are responsible people are often denied an opportunity to speak at board meetings and other public gatherings. Some who do speak out are subjected to boos from workers and teachers who take criticism personally. And only on rare occasions do elected officials attend these meetings.

Superintendent Campbell and Mayor James agree the community must become involved to address drugs, crime and unemployment which they believe create the problems at schools.

But they don't answer the question about how Newark students can be employed as functional illiterates and how best to convince unemployables to just say "No" to drugs and crime as a way of getting money they need in a kinetic society.

"Everybody wants a cop on every corner," the mayor said. In Newark that's a truisim if I ever heard one.

EO and NJT to host business conference

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ness and opportunities to do business with government and larger companies and corporations.

Talmeh Williams, Senior DBF Representative for NJ Transit said, "this conference is designed to provide useful and key information that will open the channels for minority businesses." Both emphasized that the program was not a "one shot deal" and that ongoing activities including procurement fairs and MBE/DBE certification workshops will take place. For additional information and registration call George Wheatle Williams at 201-266-0938 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The conference is free and open to the public.

DORCA to host Al Ruffin Memorial tennis tournament

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA), will sponsor the 1994 "Al Ruffin Memorial Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions," on December 10-16 at the Mountainside Tennis Club.

Harold Wright and Miriam Santiago, DORCA special events coordinators, said the tourney will offer events in men's singles, women's singles, junior singles, veteran singles and senior singles, as well as men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in all events.

All matches will be decided by the best two out of three sets with a 9-point tie breaker at six all. In case of a forfeit in the championship round, the second place award will be given. All competitors must be fully clothed in white, pastel or attire acceptable to the tournament committee. For more information, please contact Wright and Santiago at 201-733-6454.



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North Broad Street & West
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at the Bus Stop
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